

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2596 - HB 3134**

February 27, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all hospitals licensed by the Department of Health or the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to submit a joint annual report on patient statistics 105 days after the end of their fiscal year. Requires hospitals to make corrections within 15 business days of notification by the department. Allows a hospital 15 days to return a plan of correction for failure to file a timely report. Requires the Department of Health to compile, finalize, and make available an electronic compilation of the statistics reported by the hospitals for the fiscal years ending during a calendar year by August 15 of the following year.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$29,800 Recurring  
\$4,300 One-Time**

Estimate assumes:

- The bill would require one staff person and related expenses in the Department of Health.
- The department currently processes joint annual reports for 164 hospitals and more than 800 other health care facilities.
- Most of the reports require manual data entry and the bill significantly reduces the time frame for report production. Currently there is no deadline.
- Development of the state health plan by the State Health Planning Board will increase the demand for statistical data.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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